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DEPARTMENT PASS AGRICULTURE

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAID EAGR ZA US
SUBJ: ZAMBIAN REQUEST FOR PL 480 ASSISTANCE

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM GOVERNMENT
OF ZAMBIA FOR PL 480 ASSISTANCE THIS FISCAL YEAR. TEXT OF
LETTER SIGNED BY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
PETER MATOKA AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST
TO YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR AID UNDER THE PL 480 PROGRAMME. IN
DOING SO, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN THE EXTREMELY SERIOUS
CONSTRAINTS THAT ZAMBIA IS EXPERIENCING AS A RESULT OF THE
TIGHT FOREIGN EXCHANGE SITUATION. THIS SITUATION HAS BEEN
BROUGHT ABOUT IN THE MAIN BY THE EXTREMELY LOW PRICES OF
COPPER AND BY THE HIGHER IMPORT COSTS RESULTING FROM THE
STAND WHICH ZAMBIA HAS HAD TO TAKE IN RESPECT OF THE
UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IN RHODESIA. BECAUSE
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OF THESE FACTORS, OUR ECONOMY HAS BEEN MOST ADVERSELY AFFECTED
AND OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGE POSITION IS CRITICAL.

IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT I AM MAKING THIS UNPRECEDENTED
REQUEST FOR THE FINANCING OF A RANGE OF COMMODITIES UNDER THE
PL 480 PROGRAMME. ON BEHALF OF THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT I
WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS, ONCE AGAIN, OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE HELP

THAT HAS SO FAR BEEN GIVEN UNDER THIS PROGRAMME. OUR NEEDS THIS TIME ARE INFINITELY GREATER AND HENCE THE MUCH LARGER BID FOR AID FROM THIS SOURCE.

OUR REQUIREMENTS ARE AS AT THE APPENDIX TO THIS LETTER AND I HOPE THAT THEY ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME.

WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE MEASURES WHICH WE ARE TAKING TO STIMULATE AGRICULTURE WILL BEAR FRUIT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE ARE ALSO CONFIDENT THAT PRICES OF COPPER AND OTHER NON-FERROUS METALS WILL RECOVER AS THE WORLD ECONOMY PICKS UP MOMENTUM. UNTIL THEN, WE NEED HELP IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN REASONABLE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND POLITICAL STABILITY.

ASSURING YOUR EXCELLENCY OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

YOURS SINCERELY,

(SIGNED)

P.W. MATOKA

MINISTER

END TEXT

2. ITEMS AND QUANTITIES LISTED IN THE APPENDIX ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ITEM	QUANTITY	APPROXIMATE VALUE
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ITEM	QUANTITY	APPROXIMATE VALUE
WHEAT	130,000	17,420,000
SKIMMED MILK POWDER (SMP)	5,000	3,276,000
BUTTER	1,200	2,469,600
BUTTER OIL	1,000	1,455,000
CRUDE VEGETABLE OIL	10,000	7,560,000
SODIUM TRIPOLYPHOSPHATE (STPP)	5,040	3,780,000
CAUSTIC SODA	1,920	756,000
SODIUM SULPHATE	3,000	1,134,000

TALLOW	7,200	6,300,000
COCONUT OIL	1,000	1,260,000
FISH OIL	4,500	4,032,000
ALKALINE 56	1,500	1,512,000
RICE	9,000	3,296,160
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	180,360	54,240,760

3. COMMENT: GRZ IS AWARE THAT MAGNITUDE OF PL 480 PROGRAM
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REQUESTED IS UNREALISTIC. PURPOSE OF THE GRZ INCLUDING A
COMPLETE SHOPPING LIST WAS TO INDICATE THE MAGNITUDE OF THE
NEED AND HOPE FOR THE BEST. WE HAVE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT
SOME OF THE ITEMS REQUESTED ARE NOT AVAILABLE UNDER THE PL
480 PROGRAM. END COMMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO ADVISE ASAP
WHETHER THIS REQUEST SUFFICIENT TO INITIATE USG ACTION ON
CONSIDERATION OF ZAMBIAN PL 480 ASSISTANCE. DEPARTMENT ALSO
REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY THOSE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE WHICH ARE
ELIGIBLE UNDER THE PL 480 PROGRAM. AN INDICATION OF THE
LEVEL OF PL 480 ASSISTANCE WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO
ZAMBIA THIS YEAR WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.
LOW

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